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Interstate 5 South Corridor Improvement Projects

Pile Driving Begins for the Carmenita Road Bridge

Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) South Corridor Improvement Projects

Santa Fe Springs and Norwalk – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will begin a five-month pile driving operation on Monday, November 26 to set approximately 2,500 steel piles into the ground. Work is scheduled to take place during weekdays from 7 am to 5 pm, beginning on Monday 11/26 and continuing through April 2013, weather permitting.

The staging area for the pile driving equipment and crane is within a Caltrans construction zone at the intersection of Firestone Boulevard, west of Carmenita Road, abutting southbound Interstate 5.

The piles will provide structural support for the new ten-lane concrete Carmenita Road Bridge. The work is part of the **I-5 HOV/Carmenita Road Interchange Project** to construct one carpool and one general purpose lane in each direction from Alondra Boulevard to Shoemaker Avenue, realign and upgrade adjacent frontage roads, construct new diamond-style ramps, and reconstruct the bridge from its existing two-lanes to 10 lanes. The contractor for this \$380 million project is Flatiron, Inc.

No Closures! The pile driving work does not require any freeway lane, ramp or local street closures at this time. Carmenita Road and the Carmenita Road Bridge will remain open. Please plan your commute and allow extra time to reach your destination.

Access for emergency responders, residents and businesses is a priority and will be maintained at all times.

Equipment: Motorists will see pile driving equipment and a large crane and in the work zone.

Noise: Daytime construction noise will not exceed levels allowed by state and federal regulations.

Dust: Water trucks will be onsite during the pile driving work to minimize and help control the dust.

I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects: The scope of work on this 7-mile corridor from the Los Angeles/Orange County line to I-605, includes a \$1.6 billion investment for freeway widening to accommodate one HOV, or carpool lane, and one general purpose lane ramp, bridge and interchange reconstruction and reconfiguration, shoulder construction and widening, concrete median barriers and safety enhancements. I-5 South Corridor Projects are estimated to complete by late 2016.

Caltrans welcomes opportunities to present I-5 Corridor Project information to local groups and to personally address individual questions and concerns. The public is encouraged to call the **I-5 Toll-Free Hotline at (855) 454-6335** to schedule a presentation, to sign up to receive emails about project updates. Stay informed of all construction work on the I-5 Corridor at www.I-5info.com

Traffic Information: For timely, accurate and accessible real-time traffic information and travel times, visit Caltrans Quick Map <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/> [Caltrans Quick Map](#)

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